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FDD Targets

In addition to the present FDD program, CER would like to suggest the following targets:

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[redacted] Developments in the political attitudes of such segments of the population as the business community, farmers, youth, white collar workers, refugees, veterans, pensioners, on the main issue of domestic and foreign policy: 1) Rearmament and reunification; 2) European integration; 3) Taxation; 4) Public Welfare; 5) Economic policy. Coverage should include indications of shifts in political party preferences of these groups.

Austria: Developments in the political attitudes of the same segments of the population on the same issues; substitute (1) neutrality policy for rearmament and reunification.

This information is to be obtained mainly from perusal of the special newspapers published by and for these groups rather than from the well known dailies which are regularly scrutinized in this office.

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East Germany: Any information [redacted] bearing on the attitudes of the East German population toward the regime and its policies as well as toward reunification and [redacted] rearmament. Specific targets: (1) Accounts of individual acts of defiance; (2) response to regime actions by such groups as labor, clergy, and students; (3) descriptive and analytical articles on the mood and temper of the population.

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From CER's point of view brief monthly summaries of developments with short bibliographical references would be of maximum use.

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